

Aged Care Approvals Round 2002

The results of the 2002 Aged Care Approvals Round were announced today. The announcement stated '350 providers have been granted 6500 places worth \$144 million in recurrent funding. In addition \$34.32 million is being provided in 75 capital grants for aged care services across Australia.'

The total allocation across Australia was 2206 high care, 3373 low care and 982 Community Aged Care Packages. It was also mentioned that the key priorities for 2002 was bed readiness, dementia care, respite care and improving access for people with special needs. Providers have two years to convert into operational beds.

It was also announced that another 1500 new places will be allocated in 2002/03 for Innovative Trials, Extended Aged Care at Home, Multi Purpose Services and emergencies.

The allocation by State is as follows:

State	Aged Care Beds		Total No of beds	CACPs	Total Places	Recurrent Expenditure
	High	Low				
NSW	206	1275	1481	335	1816	\$29.44m
VIC	876	876	1752	228	1980	\$49.08m
QLD	446	419	865	116	981	\$24.61m
WA	324	406	730	80	810	\$19.23m
SA	294	288	582	84	666	\$16.47m
TAS	18	75	93	59	152	\$2.40m
ACT	42	27	69	10	79	\$2.14m
NT	0	7	7	70	77	\$0.88m
Total	2206	3373	5579	982	6561	\$144.25m

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One significant change from previous rounds has been the speed that the Department and the Minister has finalised the allocation. The applications for Community Aged Care Packages closed on 9 August 2002. The applications for the Residential Care closed on 23 August 2002. In addition to the general improvement in the process, it is evident that there is a desire to get beds on line to meet the demand and a realisation of the time required from planning to beds becoming available. Significant focus in this round would have been on the advanced proposals where it was demonstrated that the organisation was ready to proceed.

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